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IMPOSING THE MANDATORY 14-DAY QUARANTINE PERIOD FOR ARRIVING RESIDENTS FROM METRO MANILA OR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR) AND OTHER COVID-AFFECTED REGIONS IN THE COUNTRY, PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES TO ENSURE ITS SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION AS SAFETY MEASURE AGAINST THE SPREAD OF THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) AND FURTHER REITERATING THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM ON NCOV/COVID-19 AND BARANGAY HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS IN THE CITY OF CANDON, ILOCOS SUR

WHEREAS, the international community is experiencing a public health concern over the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and the Philippines is now among the countries with confirmed cases;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced that the COVID-19 outbreak has reached a 'decisive point' and has "pandemic potential", and urged governments to act swiftly and aggressively to contain the virus;

WHEREAS, on 8 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 and placed the entire country under the State of Public Health Emergency in recognition that the COVID-19 public health event constitutes a threat to national security, and to prompt a whole-of-government approach in addressing this health concern;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease has adopted Resolution No. 11, S. 2020 and raised the Code Alert System for the COVID-19 public health event to Code Red Sublevel Two (2), thus, the recommendations of the Department of Health Technical Advisory Group on imposing Stringent Social Distancing Measures in the National Capital Region were adopted for a period of thirty (30) days from the issuance of said Resolution;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte together with the members of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease and other key Cabinet officials made a pronouncement during their March 12, 2020 media briefing at Malacañang that the entire National Capital Region (NCR) or Metro Manila will be placed under community quarantine effective 12:00 AM of March 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, this pronouncement prompted local residents staying, studying, visiting including those engaged in business activities in Metro Manila to arrange immediately their travel back home before the commencement of the said community quarantine;

WHEREAS, considering the possible exposure of these arriving local residents to individuals in Metro Manila with COVID-19 taking into consideration incidence of local transmission in certain areas of the National Capital Region (NCR), it is imperative to also observe and strictly enforce mandatory self-quarantine to arriving residents from Metro



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Manila so as to prevent, control and contain the possible spread of COVID-19 in the locality;

WHEREAS, local transmission of COVID-19 were also recorded in the Provinces of Batangas, Negros Occidental, Cagayan de Oro City and others that prompted the national government to raise the alert level, thus, arriving residents from these Provinces shall also be subjected to mandatory self/home quarantine to prevent, control and contain the possible spread of coronavirus in the locality;

WHEREAS, Governor Ryan Luis V. Singson issued on March 12, 2020 Executive Order No. 11, S. 2020 amending for the purpose Section 2 of Executive Order No. 8, S. 2020 that require mandatory self-quarantine for returning residents of Ilocos Sur who travelled from and/or passed through any of the identified 2019-COVID affected countries such as but not limited to China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Vietnam, Singapore, Australia, Malaysia, Cambodia, Thailand, Nepal, Sri Lanka, India, United States of America, Canada, France, Finland, Germany, Italy, Spain, Swede, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, among others, from 14 January 2020 onwards, and travelled from the National Capital Region and other local areas affected for fourteen (14) days from return to the Philippines or Province of Ilocos Sur;

WHEREAS, under the 1987 Philippine Constitution particularly Section 15 of Article II, it provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, Local Government Unit (LGUs) within their respective territorial jurisdictions, shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the State and its subsidiaries including Local Governments, as *parens patriae* has the duty and obligation to enforce all laws and regulations that would protect all the rights and interests of its inhabitants embodied under the 1987 Constitution and in existing laws from possible harm and destruction of their lives and properties;

WHEREAS, in the exercise of the inherent Police Power of the State, the government is expected to exercise reasonable control over persons and property within its jurisdiction in the interest of the general security, health, safety, morals, and welfare except where legally prohibited;



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NOW THEREFORE, I, ERICSON G. SINGSON, MD, City Mayor of Candon, Ilocos Sur by the power vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Mandatory Quarantine of Arriving Residents. Consistent with the provisions of Department of Health (DOH) Department Order No. 2020-0090 dated 17 February 2020 and other issuances related thereto from the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and other concerned agencies, arriving residents from COVID-affected countries, National Capital Region (NCR) or Metro Manila, and other COVID-affected Regions in the country are directed to undergo mandatory self/home quarantine in order to prevent, control and contain the possible spread of coronavirus in the locality.

SECTION 2. Guidelines on Mandatory Quarantine. The City Health and Emergency Response Team on NCoV/COVID-19 adopts in toto all the provisions of Department of Health (DOH) Department Order No. 2020-0090 dated 17 February 2020 and all other issuances related thereto as Interim Guidelines on the Management of Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs) suspected with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for Home Quarantine of arriving residents from Metro Manila or National Capital Region (NCR) and other COVID-affected Provinces/Regions in the country.

SECTION 3. Protocols in the Profiling of Arriving Residents. In addition to protocols prescribed by the DOH on the management of Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs) and Persons Under Investigation (PUIs), the following protocols shall be strictly observe by the members of the Barangay Health and Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) in the conduct of profiling of arriving residents from Metro Manila or NCR and other COVID-affected Provinces/Regions:

1. Using the prescribed monitoring tool or profiling form provided by the City Health Office, concerned BHERT shall immediately list down the names of the arriving resident together with his/her travel details and other vital personal information for profiling purposes;
2. The concerned BHERT shall also note the identity of the person(s) the arriving resident(s) came in contact with prior to his/her arrival in his/her residence;
3. Advise the arriving resident to strictly observe the mandatory self/home quarantine for 14 calendar days taking into consideration policies and guidelines issued by the DOH related thereto;
4. Require the arriving residents(s) to check and record temperature daily, in the morning and in the afternoon, for the duration of the 14-day home confinement period. Advise the arriving resident(s) to watch out for any other symptoms of coronavirus like cough, difficulty in breathing or shortness of breath;
5. Check on the condition of the arriving residents(s) daily from a distance of more than one (1) meter. In checking, always wear N95 or surgical mask;
6. If symptoms are observed, immediately isolate and confine the arriving resident, now a coronavirus suspect to a room away from the members of the household prior to his immediate transport to a DOH-designated coronavirus-referral center or hospital for further examination and treatment;
7. Require the coronavirus suspect to wear N95 or surgical mask;



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8. Place the rest of the household also under 14-day home confinement. Repeat the process for them, including contact tracing. If no signs manifest, report to the City Health Officer for lifting of home confinement;
9. If no symptoms are observed after the 14-day home confinement, report the matter to the City Health Officer for the lifting of home confinement;
10. Report to the Punong Barangay and City Health Officer on measures or actions taken per arriving resident;
11. Members of the BHERT are required from time to time gather information in the barangay on the arrival of local residents coming from COVID-affected areas in the country and facilitate its profiling;
12. In the event that the arriving resident failed to observe the mandatory 14-day quarantine period, the BHERT shall cause the apprehension of said individual and ensure that he/she shall continue the quarantine period. Said incidence shall be reported immediately to the City Health Office for appropriate action;
13. In case of non-compliance of said individual to continue the self-quarantine despite of the apprehension undertaken, the local PNP with the assistance of health personnel shall cause the apprehension of the non-complying resident and commit him/her to designated or established Barangay Special Care Facility (BSCF) or Barangay Isolation Unit (BIU) for the completion of the required 14-day quarantine period; and
14. PUMs that completed the 14-day mandatory quarantine shall undergo medical examination to be administered by the City Health Office. If no symptoms of coronavirus seen and taking into consideration of the interim guidelines, the CHO shall issue certificate of compliance or clearance to this individual before he/she can leave his/her isolation room.

SECTION 4. Reporting System. The BHERT through the Punong Barangay with the assistance of health worker assigned in said barangay shall prepare the list of Persons Under Monitoring (PUM) on a daily basis to include the status of their health condition, number of cleared PUMs or those who completed their 14-day mandatory quarantine, and other significant information. Said report shall be submitted to the City Health Office copy furnish the Office of the City DILG.

SECTION 5. Data Handling and Ensuring the Right of Privacy of Personal Information of PUMs. In compliance to the directive of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) in its Memorandum Unnumbered dated March 8, 2020, the following guidelines shall be strictly observed by concerned local officials and functionaries in handling data or personal information of Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs) as mandated by Republic Act No. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012:

1. The City Mayor, upon receiving the List of Names of PUM of the LGU, shall provide a copy to the City Health Officer and the Chief of Police; and to every Punong Barangay (PB) the List of Names of PUM with addresses within the PB's concerned barangay;
2. Under no circumstances shall an official be provided a copy of the List of Names of PUM other than that of those which are within his/her own area of responsibility or concern;



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3. The List of Names of PUM are not for public dissemination;
4. All parties shall treat the List of Names of PUM with utmost confidentiality and the personal information contained therein shall be used solely for the purpose of ensuring the personal and psychosocial health of the persons appearing on the lists, and for the benefit of public health and security; and
5. Any person found to be violating the provisions of the Data Privacy Act of 2012 in relation to this, unauthorizedly published the List of PUMs in any platform including the social media, caused the distribution of said list to individuals not authorized to possess said list and without permission from the City Mayor and CHO, and used the List of PUMs to purposes other those allowed by existing rules and regulations shall be dealt with appropriate administrative sanction without prejudice of filing of criminal and civil cases against the violator.

SECTION 6. Roles and Responsibilities of the City Emergency Response Team and Barangay Health and Emergency Response Teams. The individual members of the City Health Emergency Response Team and Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) are hereby reminded of their duties and responsibilities under Executive Order No. 05, S. 2020 issued by the undersigned on February 3, 2020 Organizing the NCOV Emergency Response Team in the City of Candon and Mandating the Creation of the same at the Barangay Level and Providing for the Purpose Standards for the Control, Containment and Prevention of NCOV. They are further reminded of their respective mandate stipulated in various issuances and directives issued for this purpose by the DILG, DOH, DepEd, CHED, Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease, and other agencies that will ensure the management of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) situation in the country.

SECTION 7. Establishment of Barangay Special Care Facility (BSCF)/Barangay Isolation Unit (BIU). The existing BEMONCT Facilities established as catchment areas at Barangays Sto. Tomas and Tamurong 2nd are hereby designated as Barangay Special Care Facility/Barangay Isolation Unit of the City of Candon that will cater the needs of local residents classified as PUMs that opted to separate themselves from their families and complete the 14-day quarantine period. These facilities shall likewise be used as commitment area for individuals that refused to observe the mandatory self-quarantine. But prior to their commitment to said facility, the BHERT and CHO together with the assistance of the City Police shall exhaust all effort to encourage non-compliant PUM to observe the quarantine period in their home. Designation of these facilities as isolation unit may be revoked/recalled if its fails to meet all the required parameters imposed by the DOH taking into consideration of its primary purpose, availability of equipment, proximity to the general public, and the like.

SECTION 8. Implementation of the Mandatory Quarantine of Arriving Residents. The implementation of this Order shall be a joint responsibility of the City Emergency Response Team of NCOV/COVID and Barangay Health Emergency Response Team. The latter being at the grassroots level shall be primarily responsible in the profiling of arriving residents from COVID-affected countries and COVID-affected Regions in the country with technical and logistical support from the City level. All concerned line agencies like the Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Department of



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Education, public and private educational institutions, the business sector, civil society organizations, the private sector, and all other stakeholders within the City of Candon are hereby enjoined to support and comply to this directive to ensure its successful implementation.


SECTION 9. Non-Compliance to Mandatory Quarantine. In case of non-compliance to this Order on mandatory self/home quarantine, non-compliant arriving residents shall be dealt with accordingly. Police power of the state shall be strictly enforced so as to ensure the safety and security of the general public from the threat of coronavirus disease. Officials and employees of the civil service who refused to obey lawful orders and intentionally negligent in assisting the City Government in the implementation of various efforts related to this, the appropriate administrative charge shall be filed against said officials and employees without prejudice of filing criminal case against him/her.

SECTION 10. Suppletory Provision. All policy guidelines and directives issued by the DOH, DILG, IATF for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease including Executive Orders of the Provincial Governor, local ordinances and resolutions and all other issuances related to the prevention, control and containment of COVID-19 issued or passed by other competent authorities prior to this Executive Order and thereafter shall have suppletory application to this Order.

SECTION 11. Separability Clause. In case any provision in this Order shall be declared invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 14th day of March 2020 at Candon City, Ilocos Sur.


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